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On November 1, Poloff delivered ref A to Kuwaiti Ministry of Foreign Affairs International Organizations Department Counselor Dr. Hamad Bou Rahmah. Bou Rahmah said that though the GOK has reservations regarding some of the proposed language (as mentioned in ref A.) in the U.S. resolution condemning rape as a policy instrument, in principle, it supports the resolution. He added that the GOK is currently in consultation regarding the matter and will follow the GCC lead in issuing a formal response, but agrees that it is necessary to strongly condemn the tactic of using rape to achieve political or military objectives.

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